GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN
Shariq Shri Sharief Ud Din

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken initiative in starting the meaningful dialogue with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering sending a Goodwill Parliamentary Delegation to Pakistan to encourage the peace process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) There have been a number of meetings at the level of Prime Minister and Foreign Minister with Pakistan after the terrorist attack on Mumbai on November 26, 2008. In these meetings it was conveyed to Pakistan's leadership that any meaningful dialogue with Pakistan can only be based on fulfilment of its commitment, in letter and spirit, not to allow its territory to be used in any manner for terrorist activities against India. Pakistan has assured us that it will do everything in its power to bring the perpetrators of the Mumbai attack to justice. Government expects Pakistan to act with purpose against the perpetrators of the Mumbai attack as also to unearth the wider conspiracy which motivated, planned and launched the attack.

(c) & (d) There is no such proposal.